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p.99 The late President Kennedy's remakrs on April 6, 1954, when he was still the "Senator from Massachusetts" were realistic enough:

> "To pour money, material and men into the jungles of Indo-China without at least a remote prospect of victory would be dangerously futile and destructive... No amount of American assistance in Indo-China can conquer an enemy which is everywhere, and at the same time nowhere; an enemy of the people which has the sympathy and support of the people."

Adlai Stevenson, published in Paris (l'Intransigeant, May 21,1953):

> "One sees here in a startling way one of the major difficulties the French are up against. How to persuade the peasants in their rags that these Germans, these French, these Senegalese and these Moroccans are fighting for them against the Vietminh, who after all are of their race and their country?"